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Serial No: 09/936,756
Examiner: Kuhns, Allan R.

REMARKS

In response to the Patent Office Letter of June 14, 2005, the Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration. To further the prosecution of this application, amendments have been made herein, to place all claims in condition for allowance. The Applicant realizes that this application is under final rejection and thus, by making these amendments, no new claim language or issues have been raised. No new claims have been added. Accordingly, all claims in this application should be in condition for allowance. Basically, several claims that were dependent from claim 1, which was rejected, have now been dependent instead either directly or indirectly from claim 26.

In amending several of the dependent claims, the Applicant has reviewed the claim language to make sure that the language is consistent with claim 26, claims 1, 10, 21 and 23-25 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 3, 5, 8, 11, 14, 15, 19 and 20 have all been amended so that they depend from claim 26 rather than from claim 1.

Claims 4, 17 and 18 have been indicated as allowable and thus remain in the application as separate independent claims.

The Examiner has also indicated that claims 26-34 are allowable. Claims 26-32 remain as previously filed and are in condition for allowance. Claims 33 and 34 have been converted into independent form as the subject matter thereof has been indicated as allowable by the Examiner. The subject matter of claim 21 has been introduced into claim 33 and the subject matter of claim 24 has been introduced into claim 34. Accordingly, all claims in this application should now be found in allowable condition.

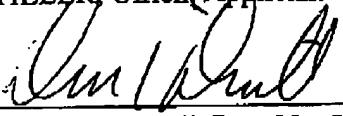
If the present application is found by the Examiner not to be in condition for allowance, then the Applicant hereby requests a telephone or personal interview to facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters. Applicant's attorney may be contacted by telephone at the number indicated below to schedule such an interview.

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